



**FIRST CONTESTANT** . . . Miss Patricia Kay Child, a South High School student, is the first contestant to enter the queen contest for the annual Waleria Roundup Days. Helping Miss Child complete her application is Ivan Lewis, contest chairman for the event. Miss Child lives at 25909 Matfield Dr.

## Waleria Roundup Days Set

A Western-Hawaiian theme has been selected by the Waleria Businessmen's Assn. '96. Waleria Roundup Days, according to B. F. Stevens, manager of ceremonies for the annual celebration.

Contestants for the annual beauty contest will appear Sept. 7 for judging. Judging will be based on ticket sales, talent contests, and sheer beauty.

Stanley Watts will serve as "Sheriff" for the Roundup Days. He will be on the lookout for persons who fail to show up for the big luau and picnic in a Western-Hawaiian outfit.

The queen will be crowned during festivities at Waleria Park Sept. 8. The first contestant was Miss Patricia Kay Child of 25909 Matfield Dr. Miss Child is a student at South High School.



**HEADS LOCAL CENTER** . . . James R. Haskin (left), president of Helicopter Institute, Inc., congratulates Donald Townsend on his appointment as director of the new branch training center of the firm. The center is located at Torrance Municipal Airport. Formal opening ceremonies were held Saturday.

## Gold's Will Open Store In Torrance

Construction of a new Gold's Furniture and Appliance store has begun at the corner of Hawthorne and Artesia Boulevards. The new store is expected to be open late this year.

Herman Halpert, operations manager of the firm, said the new two-story structure will contain more than 40,000 square feet of shopping area. It will be constructed of tilt-up concrete slabs, with decorative exterior panels.

The new store is located west of the San Diego Freeway and opposite the South Bay Shopping Center. It is the sixth in the chain of the Los Angeles headquartered firm.

When completed, the store will be one of the largest home furnishings stores in the area. It will carry a full line of furniture, appliances, carpets, and pianos.

## Ronald Veres Wins Degree

Ronald James Veres, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Watkins of 2768 Onrado St., was graduated in the summer class at the University of Oregon on Aug. 10. Veres received his bachelor of science degree from the institution.

## Board Okays Rolling Hills Improvements

Nearly six and one-half miles of major city streets in the City of Rolling Hills Estates will be improved under terms of a \$4,385 allocation approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Slated for improvements are Palos Verdes Drive North from Dapplegray Lane to the north city boundary, Narbonne Avenue from Palos Verdes Drive North to the north city boundary, and Silver Spur Road from Palos Verdes Drive North to Wollowood Rd. and from Crenshaw Boulevard to Dry Bank Drive.

Also set for work are Crenshaw Boulevard north of Palos Verdes Drive North and in the vicinity of Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Road from Palos Verdes Drive North to the north city boundary, and Hawthorne Boulevard from Palos Verdes Drive North to the south city boundary.

Work will include patching, striping, resurfacing and sign installation.

Flowers and ornamental plants abound in the Hall of Flowers displays at the California State Fair and Exposition, Aug. 28 through Sept. 9, in Sacramento. The State Fair annually attracts hundreds of California's leading gardening enthusiasts with its \$55,000 in prize money.



**HERB SAUP To Show Movie**

## Film About California Slated Here

"This Is My Land," a film about Southern California and its growth in recent years, will be shown Wednesday evening at a meeting of the Torrance Civitan Club. The film was prepared by Title Insurance and Trust Co.

The meeting, to be chaired by Phil Lisman, will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant. Herb Saup, assistant director of community relations for the insurance firm, will present the program.

The color and sound film traces the history of land in California from early ranchero days to the present time. The movie also deals with modern methods of determining ownership and values.

## Bank Group Sets Plans For Classes

Plans for this fall's educational program of the Harbor Chapter of the American Institute of Banking have been completed, according to M. G. Gardner, press chairman for the chapter.

The program will be outlined to consultants at the annual consuls dinner Tuesday evening in Long Beach. Second vice president Forest Emard, First Western Bank, will outline the program.

Each consul attending the dinner will receive materials to present the program to the staff members at his home bank. Some 35 classes in principles of bank operations, commercial law, accounting, and speaking will be offered, beginning in September.

## Fuchsia Society Meets Monday

Smog and its effect on plants will be the subject of a talk by Wilford Noble, Air Pollution Control District representative, at the Monday meeting of the Wiseburn branch of the California National Fuchsia Society.

The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Dana School cafeteria at 135th and Aviation Boulevard.

## St. Catherine LaBoure Parish to Hold Mission

St. Catherine LaBoure Catholic Church, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd., will hold a parish mission nightly through Aug. 24, announces the Rev. Raymond Tepe, pastor of the church.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. with a shore instructive sermon and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Helicopter Center Now Located Here

Helicopter Institute, Inc., headquartered at Lockheed Air Terminal, has announced plans to open a new training school at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

The formal opening was held yesterday. A second training center is open at Ontario International Airport.

James R. Haskin, president of the firm, said the need for qualified pilots far outstrips the supply. The firm recently purchased six three-place helicopters to use in providing additional training facilities.

The institute now has about 140 students enrolled for the 60-hour instruction period.

## Carson Group Moves Toward Incorporation

Supporters of the Carson incorporation movement reported more than one third of the required number of signatures had already been obtained during the week. The group said refusals were running about five per cent.

The committee steering the third attempt also reported that no organized opposition has yet appeared. Chairman R. B. Keith said the picture is very good at this time.

## 40 Hour Devotion Begins Sunday In St. Lawrence

The Forty Hours Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart will begin in St. Lawrence Church, 1960 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, today and will continue through Tuesday evening.

The speaker at the 8 p.m. Sunday services will be the Rev. Charles Miller, C.M., from St. John's Major Seminary at Camarillo.

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## Law in Action

John owned a cabin and some mountain timber land. Now and then the lumber company next to his place would cut some of its timber using a tractor, chain saw, or other heavy equipment.

One summer a forest fire burned much of the company's land and equipment. It spread to John's place and burned down his cabin and timer.

Had the lumber company's carelessness started the fire? John really didn't know. But he sued the company anyway, saying that it must have started the fire.

THOUGH A person lacks direct evidence to prove his case, the court in special kinds of cases allows the jury to "infer" lack of due care from certain facts.

This inference rests on the rule of "res ipsa loquitur." In Latin law this means: "The thing speaks for itself." Like jam on a child's face.

Under the circumstances you have a right to believe that the event could not have happened in any other way. If it did, it is up to the defendant to show how.

FOR THIS doctrine to apply one must show several things.

First that the particular injury could hardly have happened unless someone was at fault. Though forest fires may start from lightning or unknown causes, it is generally believed that someone's carelessness starts most of them.

Second, for the doctrine to apply, the thing that did the harm must be under the defendant's control, and therefore he was at fault. The jury can infer that the defendant caused the fire if his tractors

shot out sparks, if they had no spark arresters on them, or if the defendant did other things which could have started the fire.

DEFENDANT can answer the inference that he is at fault by showing that the injury was unusual and might have just as well have happened otherwise. He may also show that he alone was not in control at the time of the injury.

Res ipsa loquitur is a sort of circumstantial evidence: Since somebody must have done the harm, and one and only one person or outfit could have done it, it follows that he is to blame.

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